

SENATE BILL No. 238

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 13-17.

Synopsis: Local air pollution control agency contracts. Requires the department of environmental management to enter into a contract with a local air pollution control agency to carry out air pollution programs for the department whenever the local air pollution control agency is willing to enter into the contract. Specifies certain provisions that must be in the contract.

Effective: July 1, 2012.

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January 4, 2012, read first time and referred to Committee on Energy and Environmental Affairs.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning environmental law.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 13-17-3-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 9. (a) The
- 3 commissioner shall assist and cooperate with other groups interested
- 4 in and affected by air pollution.
- 5 (b) The commissioner ~~may~~ **shall** do the following:
- 6 (1) Advise, consult, and cooperate with:
- 7 (A) other state agencies;
- 8 (B) towns, cities, and counties;
- 9 (C) industries;
- 10 (D) other states;
- 11 (E) the federal government; and
- 12 (F) affected groups;
- 13 in the prevention and control of new and existing air
- 14 contamination sources within Indiana.
- 15 (2) Encourage and conduct studies, investigations, and research
- 16 relating to the following:
- 17 (A) Air pollution.



- 1 (B) The causes, effects, prevention, control, and abatement of
 2 air pollution.
- 3 (3) Collect and disseminate information relating to the following:
- 4 (A) Air pollution.
- 5 (B) The prevention and control of air pollution.
- 6 (4) Encourage voluntary cooperation by persons, towns, cities,
 7 and counties or other affected groups in restoring and preserving
 8 a reasonable degree of purity of air within Indiana.
- 9 (5) Encourage authorized air pollution agencies of towns, cities,
 10 and counties to handle air pollution problems within their
 11 respective jurisdictions to the greatest extent possible.
- 12 (6) Upon request, provide technical assistance to towns, cities, or
 13 counties requesting technical assistance for the furtherance of air
 14 pollution control.
- 15 **(7) Enter into a contractual agreement with a local air
 16 pollution control agency established or designated under
 17 IC 13-17-12-1 whenever the local air pollution control agency
 18 is willing to enter into the contract. The contract must require
 19 the department to do the following:**
- 20 **(A) Advise, consult, and cooperate with the local air
 21 pollution control agency.**
- 22 **(B) Provide technical assistance to the local air pollution
 23 control agency.**
- 24 **(C) Authorize the local air pollution control agency to
 25 undertake air pollution control activities, including:**
- 26 **(i) regional ambient air quality monitoring; and**
- 27 **(ii) within the local air pollution control agency's
 28 jurisdiction, issuing operating permits and operating
 29 permit revisions, performing compliance inspections,
 30 responding to complaints and emergencies, and initiating
 31 enforcement actions on behalf of the department.**
- 32 **(D) Authorize, as an alternative to actions described in
 33 clause (C), the local air pollution control agency to:**
- 34 **(i) issue operating permits and operating permit
 35 revisions;**
- 36 **(ii) perform compliance inspections;**
- 37 **(iii) respond to complaints and emergencies; and**
- 38 **(iv) initiate enforcement actions;**
- 39 **as authorized by local ordinances that are consistent with
 40 or more restrictive than the air pollution control laws.**
- 41 **(E) Provide, from money available to the department to
 42 carry out the air pollution control laws, fair monetary**

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compensation to the local air pollution control agency for the air pollution control work performed on behalf of the department.

(F) Provide that the source of the monetary compensation provided to the local air pollution control agency may originate from:

- (i) United States Environmental Protection Agency federal grant funding for the purpose of air pollution control program support activities funded under Section 105 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7405), as further described in Section 66.001 of the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance;
- (ii) United States Environmental Protection Agency federal grant funding for the purpose of PM2.5 air monitoring activities funded under Section 103 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7403), as further described in Section 66.034 of the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance;
- (iii) annual operating fees established by 326 IAC 2 or its successor;
- (iv) the environmental management special fund established by IC 13-14-12; and
- (v) other revenue sources as approved by the governor and the budget agency.

(G) Provide that the monetary compensation provided to the local air pollution control agency must be at least sufficient to cover the staffing and operating costs the local air pollution control agency incurred for air pollution control work performed on behalf of the department.

(H) Provide that the monetary compensation provided to local air pollution control agencies must be tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and shall be reviewed and adjusted within thirty (30) days after the release of the January Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) issued by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(I) Provide that if a local air pollution control agency applies for grant funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the purposes of activities described in clause (F)(i) or (F)(ii), the commissioner shall approve and facilitate the grant funding agreement between the United States

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Environmental Protection Agency and the local air pollution control agency.

~~(7)~~ **(8)** Represent the state in all matters pertaining to plans, procedures, or negotiations for interstate compacts in relation to the control of air pollution.

~~(8)~~ **(9)** Accept and administer grants or other money or gifts for the purpose of carrying out any of the functions of air pollution control laws.

SECTION 2. IC 13-17-12-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 1. **(a)** Air pollution control laws do not prevent towns, cities, or counties from:

(1) enforcing local air pollution ordinances consistent with air pollution control laws; or

(2) adopting or enforcing more restrictive ordinances to further the expressed purposes of air pollution control laws.

(b) A county, city, or town that adopts an ordinance described in subsection (a) must establish or designate an agency to act as an air pollution control agency to:

(1) enforce ordinances adopted under this section; and

(2) undertake air pollution control efforts on behalf of the department of environmental management under a contract entered into under IC 13-17-3-9(b)(7).

The agency may be the agency established to administer a cooperative air pollution control program under section 3 of this chapter.

SECTION 3. IC 13-17-12-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 4. An air pollution control agency **that has entered into a contract described in IC 13-17-3-9(b)(7)** shall submit annual reports as requested by the department.

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